Calendar of Events

All 4-H Online registration is due by NOON on the specified due dates. County Events are noted in red.

February 2017

10  S.T.E.M. Robotics Workshop Registration-County Extension Office
10-11 Ambassador Workshop, 4-H Center
13  Arkansas Leader’s Association Volunteer Forum Registration
13  S.T.E.M. Robotics Workshop at Extension Office, 4-6pm
    Sign up for the Poultry Chain Workshop @ Extension Office
    (deadline February 10th)
16  4-H Day at the Capital
23  Mandatory Poultry Chain Workshop (Deadline February 17th)
24  TLC/Camp Scholarship Applications Due
    Mandatory Poultry Chain Workshop (Deadline February 17th)
27  Livestock Meeting for Fair Exhibitors, 6pm @ County Fairgrounds

March 2017

1  The following applications are due to the County Extension office in Electronic Form: Ambassador Applications, Ambassador Re-Certifications, Hall of Fame Nominations, Officer Election Applications, Teen Star Applications
1  STEM Camp @ 4-H Center Registration due in 4HOnline
4  4-H Day with the Razorbacks
11  Dutch Oven Contest @ County Fairgrounds (Pre-Register by 3/3)
11  4-H Advanced Record Book Interviews, LRSO
14  Garden Workshop (deadline March 6th)
20  Camp Leadership Workshop – Basic & Advanced Registration via 4HOnline
22  Pumpkin & Watermelon Seed Requests Due to County Office
23-25  Livestock Leadership Academy (Pre-Register by 3/1 in 4HOnline)
27  Innovative Program Grant Applications Due
27  4-H 101 Workshop @ the Fairgrounds at 5:30(Pre-Register by 3/20)

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Leadership Opportunities
Don’t forget! The Ambassador Applications, Ambassador Re-Certifications, Hall of Fame Nominations, Officer Election Applications, and Teen Star Applications are all due COMPLETELY fill out to the Extension Office by March 1st! If you have questions about these applications or need help filling them out, just contact us at the Office we’ll be happy to help you in any way!

Dutch Oven Cooking Contest
March 11th, 2017
Izard County Fairgrounds
Registration Deadline: March 3rd, 2017
We are having a Dutch Oven Cooking Contest this spring! Contest guidelines will be e-mailed out to everybody, or you can come by the Extension Office to pick up a set of rules and regulations. For more information about this contest, or to register, contact the extension office at (870)368-4323. All teams MUST pre-register & turn in their recipes by the deadline.

Fair Livestock Meeting
A new Livestock Farm Class has been added to the county fair. Michael will be holding an information meeting on February 28th at 6:00p.m. at the County Fairgrounds for anybody interested. Please help us spread the word to anyone interested.

STEM Workshop
Feb 13th 4-6pm
R.S.V.P: Feb 10th
We will be building the LEGO Mindstorm Robots! This is open to all ages, however there are a lot of smaller parts and possible choking hazards involved with this. If any Cloverbuds do come they MUST be accompanied by a parent who will stay with their group. We will be over in time for the foothprints meeting that night, or we will come upstairs. We are also going to start an Afterschool S.T.E.M. club that will meet monthly at the Extension Office after school. We will discuss the specifics of this club at this workshop, for more information about this club, contact Karla at the Extension Office.

Camp Scholarships
Camp Scholarships are now up in 4-H online. These scholarships are for State Camps and TLC. If you think there’s a possibility that you will be attending, go ahead and sign up for the scholarships, you can always defer them to the next recipient if you change your mind about attending camp. Apply in 4-H Online, just like you would for any other event. For a complete list of upcoming camps at the 4-H Center, visit www.uaex.edu/camps. Applications will be accepted until March 1st for summer camps and TLC.

Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Seeds Requests
Requests due March 22nd
Seed packets are $2.00 a piece for giant pumpkin and giant watermelon seeds. All seed requests & payment is due by March 22nd. A growing guide is available upon request at the County Extension Office. You MUST be an active member of Izard County 4-H to receive these seeds.

4-H 101 Workshop
March 27th, 2017; 5:30 p.m.
Izard County Fairgrounds
R.S.V.P. by March 20th
Ever wonder what all is available to you through the 4-H Program? Ever wonder what all of the O’Rama Activities are? This workshop is for you! We will be covering the basics of the 4-H Program including O’Rama Competitive Events! Leaders will receive 2 Volunteer Training Hours for this workshop. If you’d like to bring something to eat to the workshop you can, however you must clean up your area and take your trash with you.

Record Keeping
Don’t forget! Now is the perfect time to start keeping records for next years record books! The easiest way to complete a record book is to keep track of your 4-H Events, Projects, and take pictures all year long. We have a variety of record keeping worksheets we are happy to share with you if requested. Leaders, Karla is happy to come out and discuss with your members the importance of keeping records and what all they should keep track of.

Camp Scholarships Deadline to Enroll: March 6th County Workshop March 14th
The Izard County Master Gardeners will host a workshop on March 14th at 6pm at Ozarka College Student Center. You must RSVP for this workshop by March 6th to the County Extension Office. You will receive points for attending the workshop in March so it’s important for all project participants to attend. The Master Gardeners will be providing a meal that night as well, so come prepared to eat! You must be actively enrolled in 4-H Online to attend as well!

Garden Project
February 23th & February 27th
RSVP by February 17th
The Izard County Master Gardeners will host a workshop on March 27th in the Ozarka College Student Center. You must RSVP for this workshop by February 23th to the County Extension Office. You will receive points for attending the workshop in March so it’s important for all project participants to attend. The Master Gardeners will be providing a meal that night as well, so come prepared to eat! You must be actively enrolled in 4-H Online to attend as well!

Poultry Chain
February 23th & February 27th
RSVP by February 17th
It’s time again to sign up for the annual Poultry Chain Project. With the poultry chain you will get approximately 20 birds to take home. Four of these bird will be brought back to the County Fair where they will be auctioned off for the annual Poultry Chain Fundraiser which funds this program along with other county programs. There is also a $10 charge for each set of birds this year (blue ribbon pens at the fair will get their $10 back). We will have the hyline browns again this year! If you are interested in purchasing a rooster, please let us know when you sign up as well.

There is a Mandatory Bio-Security Workshop that you must attend in order to receive your chickens. Families can choose from one of the two provided workshops to attend, a parent and/or guardian must attend with each family. You must call the Extension Office at (870) 368-4323 to sign up.